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# DAREDEVIL

THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!



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THIS LAD IS  
*SINKING FAST!*  
HE'S LOST THE  
*WILL TO LIVE!*

AND--IT'S  
*OUR*  
FAULT, DD!

AS LONG AS THE  
MURDEROUS  
*THUNDERBOLTS*  
ARE ON THE LOOSE--  
NO ONE IN THIS CITY  
IS SAFE!

THEN THEY WON'T  
BE ON THE LOOSE  
MUCH LONGER!  
*THIS I*  
*SWEAR!!*

**A LIFE  
ON THE  
LINE!**





**DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!™**

# A LIFE ON THE LINE

HEY,  
WATCH  
IT ON THIS  
SIDE, MAN!

YOU GET  
ANY CLOSER OVER  
HERE, AND I'M  
GONNA GET A  
MOUTHFUL OF  
BRICK!

DON'T  
SWEAT IT!  
JUST KEEP  
IT DOWN--IF  
YOU DON'T  
WANT A  
MOUTHFUL  
OF FUZZ,  
INSTEAD--!

THE NIGHT HIDES  
MANY THINGS!

--THE STRANGLING  
SOB OF A HUNGRY  
CHILD!

--THE FAR-OFF  
PHANTOM MOAN  
OF A SPEEDING  
AMBULANCE!

--FROM SOMEWHERE,  
THE SOUND OF  
BREAKING GLASS--  
AND A WAILING,  
YET-UNHEEDED  
BURGLAR ALARM!

--AND, ON THIS  
PARTICULAR NIGHT  
IN THE HEART OF  
HARLEM, THE  
MUFFLED HUM OF  
A MOTOR--AS AN  
UNMARKED TRUCK  
THREADS ITS  
DEVIOUS PATH  
THRU THE INS AND  
OUTS OF A NARROW,  
SHADOWED ALLEY--!

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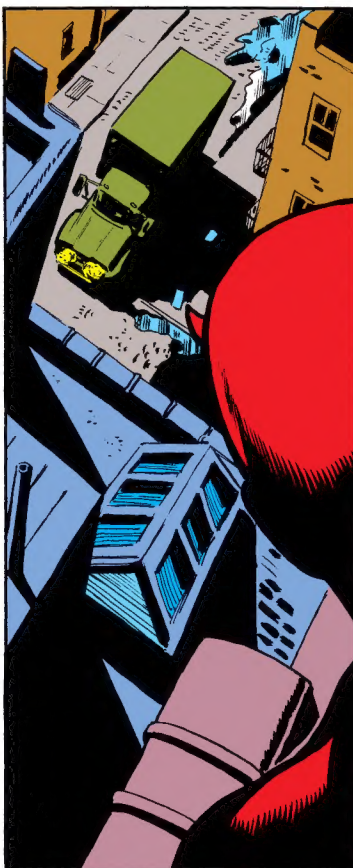
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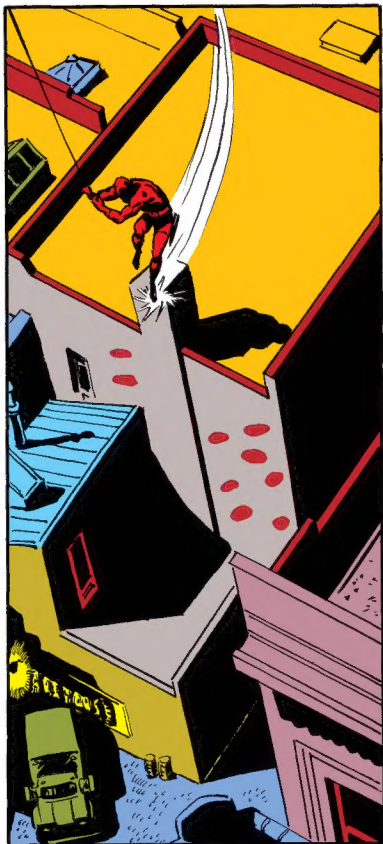
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COAST  
**CLEAR**,  
BABY? I  
THOUGHT  
I **HEARD**  
SOMETHIN'  
JUST NOW!

IT'S CLEAR!  
BUT GET A  
**MOVE** ON,  
WILLYA,?

I DON'T  
**LIKE** THIS  
SET-UP!  
IT'S TOO  
**RISKY!**



**LISTEN** TO THE MAN!  
TAKES OUR DOUGH, AND  
THEN STARTS **GRIPIN'!**

SERVE 'IM RIGHT  
IF WE TOOK OUR  
**BREAD** BACK--  
AND **GRABBED**  
THE STUFF FOR  
**FREE!**

THEY  
SAY THE  
BEST  
THINGS  
IN **LIFE**  
ARE  
FREE,  
FELLA--



--INCLUDING A ONE-  
WAY TICKET TO THE  
**STATE PEN!**

**KRAASH!!**

**HOLY CRUD!**  
IT'S--  
**DAREDEVIL!**

I **TOLD**  
YOU I  
**HEARD**  
SOMETHIN',  
MAN! I  
**TOLD YA!!**





YOU COULD'VE CAUGHT THEM TWO *AWAY* FROM THE WAREHOUSE, MASKED MAN, AND I WOULDN'T HAVE *CARED*!

BUT I'M *CLEAN* UP TILL NOW-- AND MY RECORD'S *STAYIN'* THAT WAY!

SHIPPING STACK 3



MISTER, IF THERE'S ANYTHING I HATE WORSE THAN A CROOK--

WOP!

--IT'S A CROOK WITH A BADGE-- *ANY* BADGE!



SNEAKING UP BEHIND ME, HUH? WELL, DON'T KNOCK YOURSELF OUT ON MY ACCOUNT, GUY!

...AND BABY MAKES THREE!



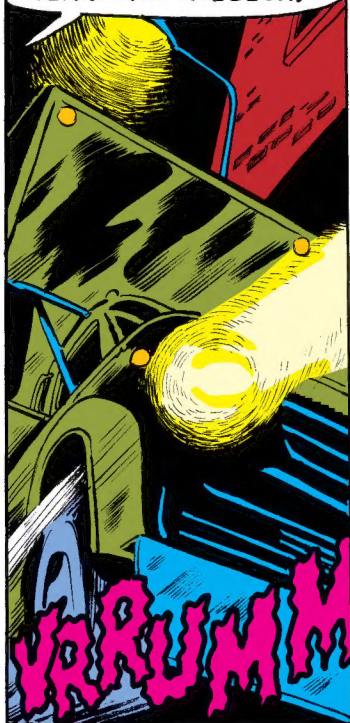
THERE! THAT OUGHT TO-- UH-OH!

LOOKS LIKE THEY HAD A LOOKOUT MAN IN THE TRUCK!

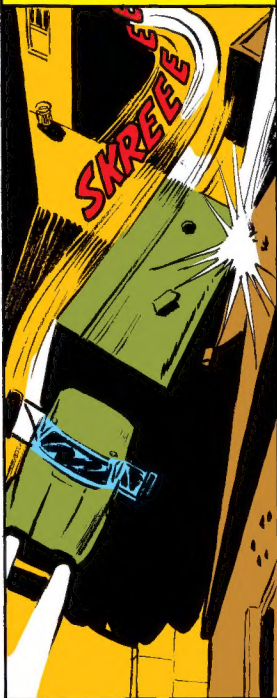
HE'S TAKING OFF--LIKE A BAT OUT OF HELSINKI!



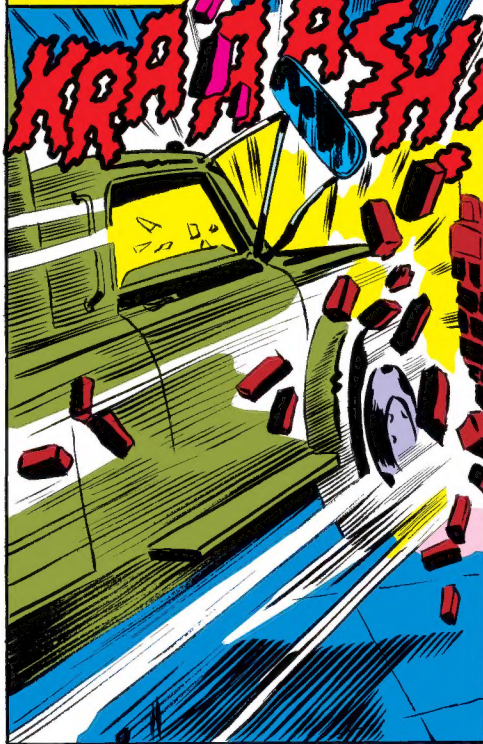
BUT--THE WAY THAT TRUCK'S  
CAREENING AROUND, THAT  
HOOD MUST'VE GOT HIS  
DRIVER'S LICENSE FROM  
SEARS AND ROEBUCK!



**T**HEN, EVEN AS  
DAREDEVIL SPEAKS,  
THE MASSIVE TRUCK  
SEEMS TO GO COM-  
pletely OUT OF  
CONTROL--



--**T**O CRASH WITH THE FORCE OF  
A MANY-TONNED SLEDGEHAMMER  
INTO THE SIDE OF A SOLID BRICK  
BUILDING--!!



I CAN STILL DETECT  
A **HEARTBEAT**  
COMING FROM THE  
WRECK--BUT IT'S  
A **WEAK** ONE!



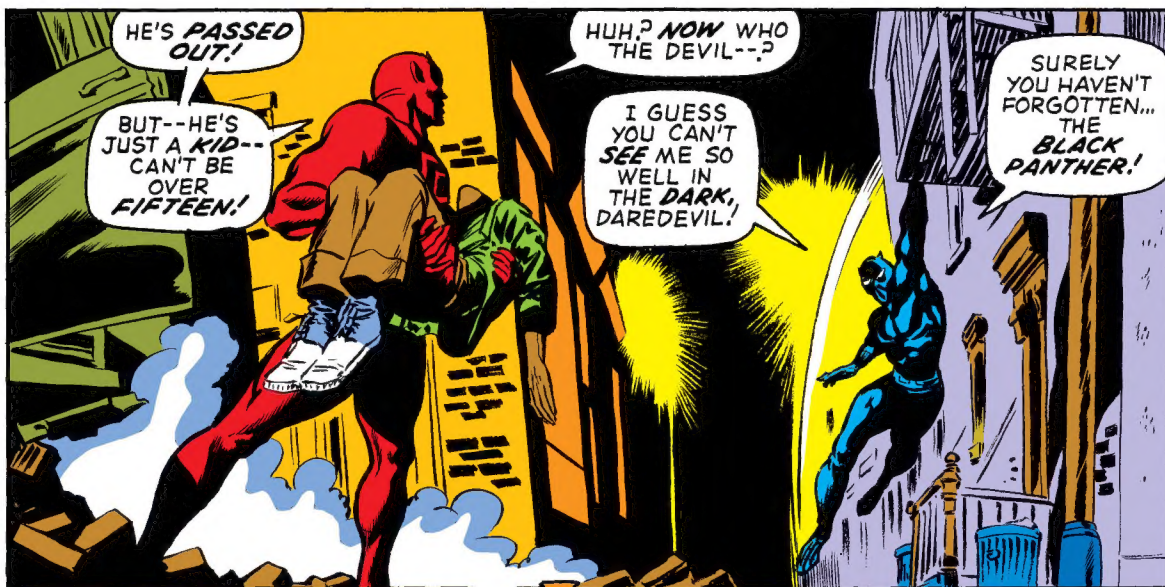
WELL,  
**WHOEVER'S**  
INSIDE  
THERE, IT'S  
A SURE BET  
HE **HAD IT**  
COMING!



BILLY--  
YOU GOTTA  
HELP ME,  
BILLY--IT  
**HURTS--!**







HE'S *PASSED OUT!*

BUT--HE'S JUST A *KID*--CAN'T BE OVER *FIFTEEN!*

HUH? *NOW* WHO THE *DEVIL*--?

I GUESS YOU CAN'T *SEE* ME SO WELL IN THE *DARK*, DAREDEVIL!

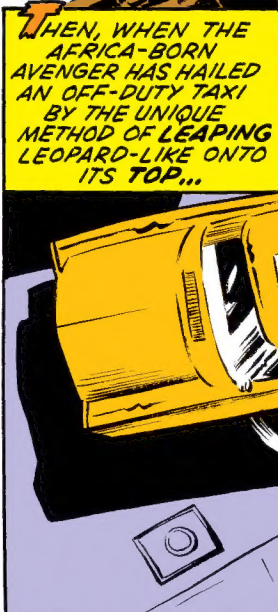
SURELY YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN... THE *BLACK PANTHER!*



NOT *LIKELY*, OLD BUDDY! BUT JUST THIS MINUTE, I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS *KID*!

SO DO I, DD! IN FACT, HE'S THE REASON I'M *HERE*!

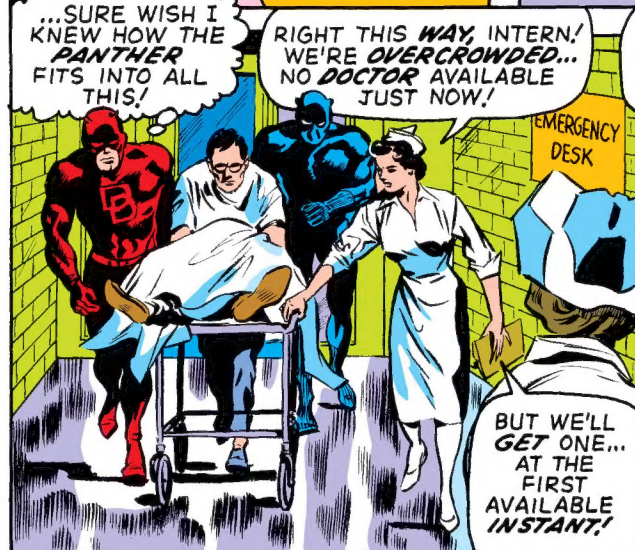
BUT I'LL EXPLAIN *LATER*--AFTER WE'VE GOT THIS LAD SOME *MEDICAL AID*!



*WHEN, WHEN* THE AFRICA-BORN AVENGER HAS HAILED AN OFF-DUTY TAXI BY THE UNIQUE METHOD OF LEAPING LEOPARD-LIKE ONTO ITS TOP...

HOP *ABOARD*, MY FRIEND! NEXT STOP-- *CITY HOSPITAL*!

IF ONLY WE'RE NOT ALREADY *TOO LATE*! HIS PULSE IS-- SO *WEAK*--!

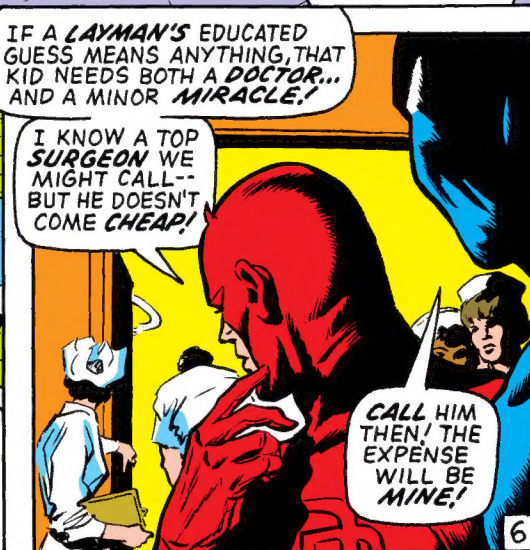


...SURE WISH I KNEW HOW THE *PANTHER* FITS INTO ALL THIS!

RIGHT THIS *WAY*, INTERN! WE'RE *OVERCROWDED*... NO *DOCTOR* AVAILABLE JUST NOW!

EMERGENCY DESK

BUT WE'LL GET ONE... AT THE FIRST AVAILABLE *INSTANT*!

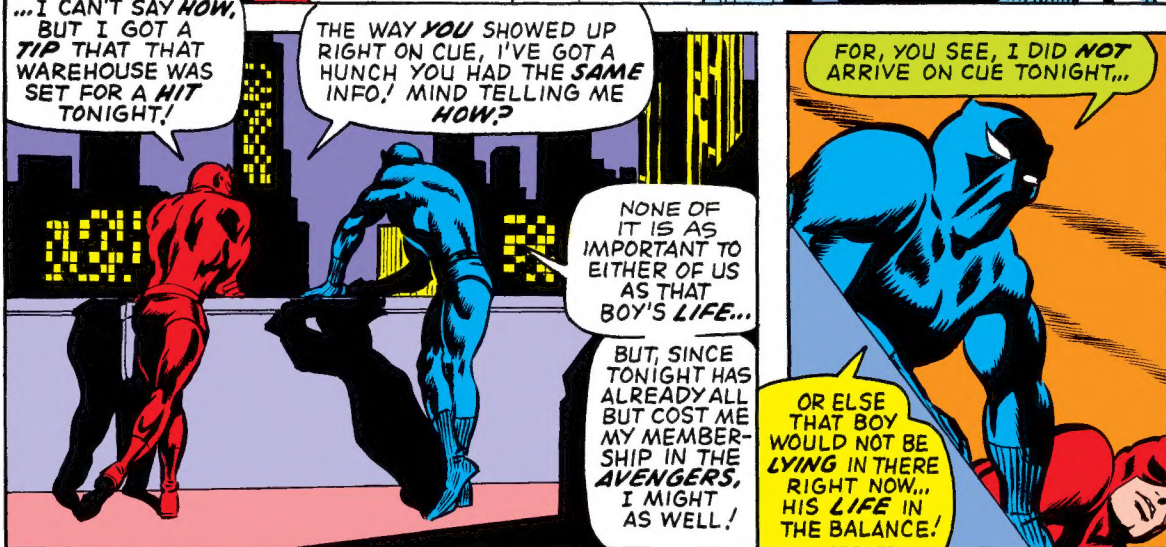
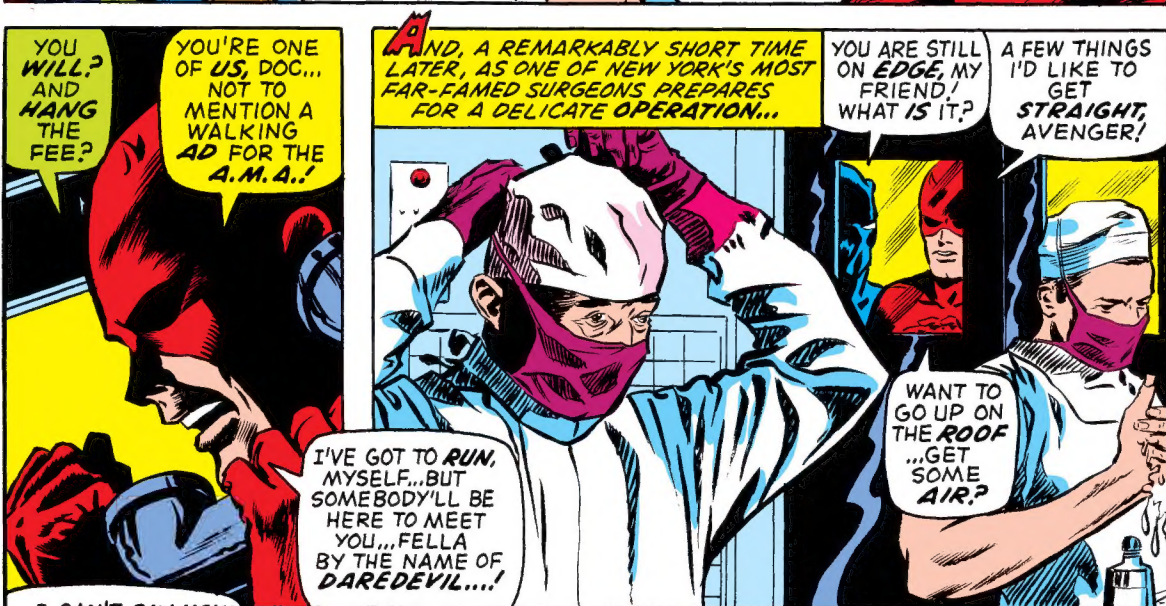
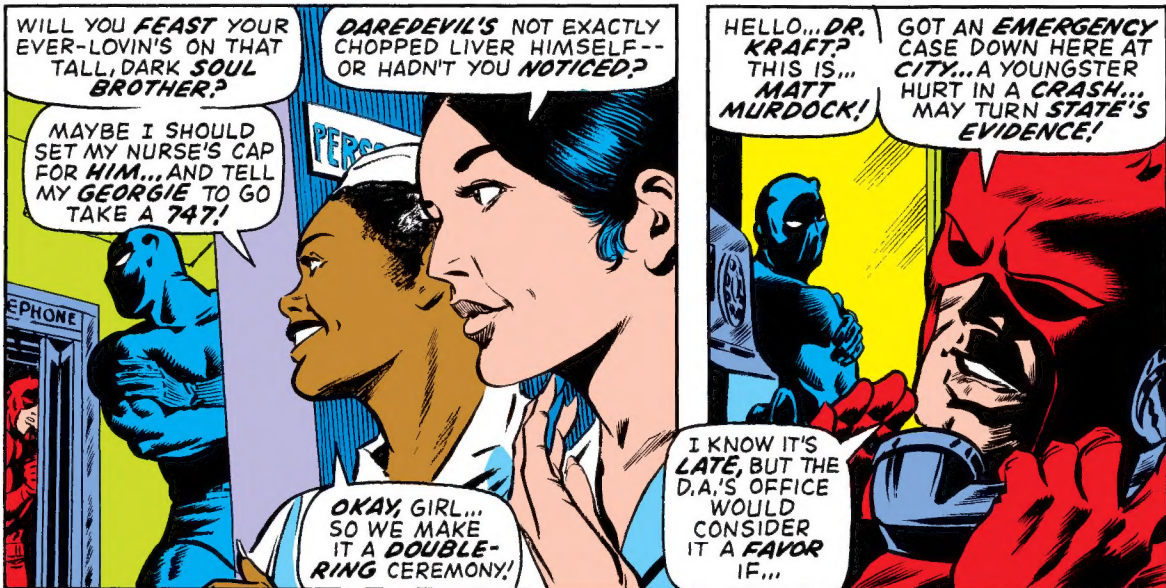


IF A *LAYMAN*'S EDUCATED GUESS MEANS ANYTHING, THAT KID NEEDS BOTH A *DOCTOR*... AND A MINOR *MIRACLE*!

I KNOW A TOP *SURGEON* WE MIGHT CALL-- BUT HE DOESN'T COME *CHEAP*!

CALL HIM THEN! THE *EXPENSE* WILL BE *MINE*!



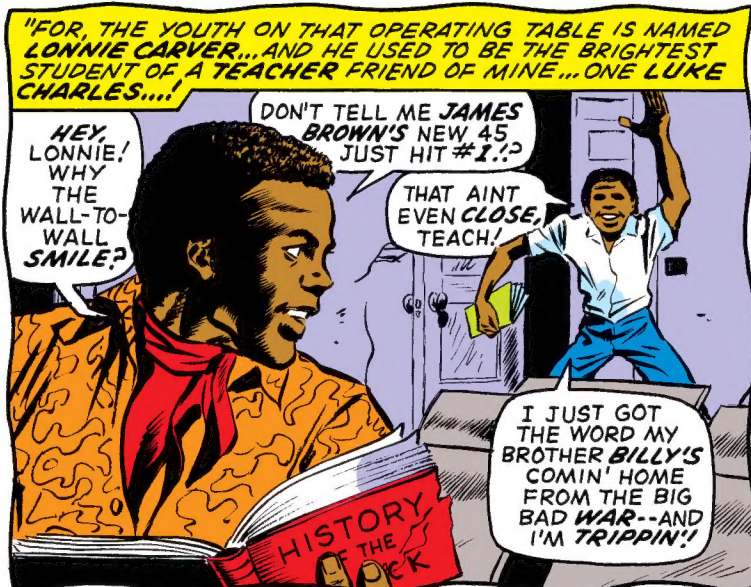






NO, I MOST DEFINITELY DID **NOT** ARRIVE ON CUE!

MY CUE WAS **WEEKS** AGO... AND, MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON ME, I **MISSED** IT!



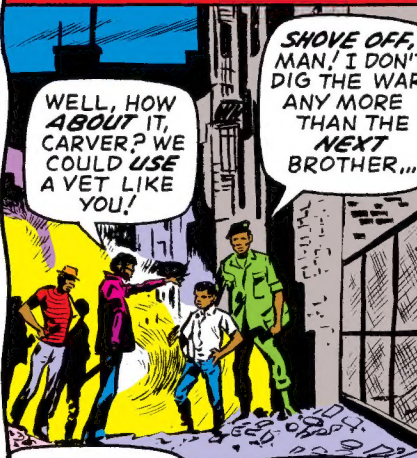
HEY, LONNIE! WHY THE WALL-TO-WALL **SMILE?**

DON'T TELL ME **JAMES BROWN'S** NEW 45 JUST HIT #1!?

THAT AINT EVEN CLOSE, TEACH!

I JUST GOT THE WORD MY BROTHER **BILLY'S** COMIN' HOME FROM THE BIG BAD WAR--AND I'M **TRIPPIN'!**

"THE **BLACK PANTHER** ENTERS THE PICTURE SOME NIGHTS LATER...AS THE SOUND OF VIOLENT ARGUING DISTURBS A BRICK-STREWN PLAYGROUND...!"



WELL, HOW ABOUT IT, CARVER? WE COULD **USE** A YET LIKE YOU!

SHOVE OFF, MAN! I DON'T DIG THE WAR ANY MORE THAN THE **NEXT** BROTHER...



BUT I FIGURE THERE'S **BETTER** WAYS TO PROTEST IT THAN TO JOIN A **HATE-CREW** LIKE YOU "**THUNDER-BOLTS**"!

NOBODY WITH **HALF A BRAIN** IS GONNA FALL FOR THAT "**WHITE MAN'S WAR**" JAZZ YOU GUYS PREACH!



SO WHY DON'T YOU JUST **FLAKE OFF**, SO THAT--

UNNNHHH!

**WOK!**

YOU AINT **WITH** US, CARVER--SO THAT MEANS YOU'RE **AGAINST** US!

AND HERE'S WHAT THE **THUNDER-BOLTS** DO TO AN **UNCLE TOM!**



**YEAH?** WELL, WE AINT HEARD FROM **LONNIE**, YET? WHAT SAY, MAN?

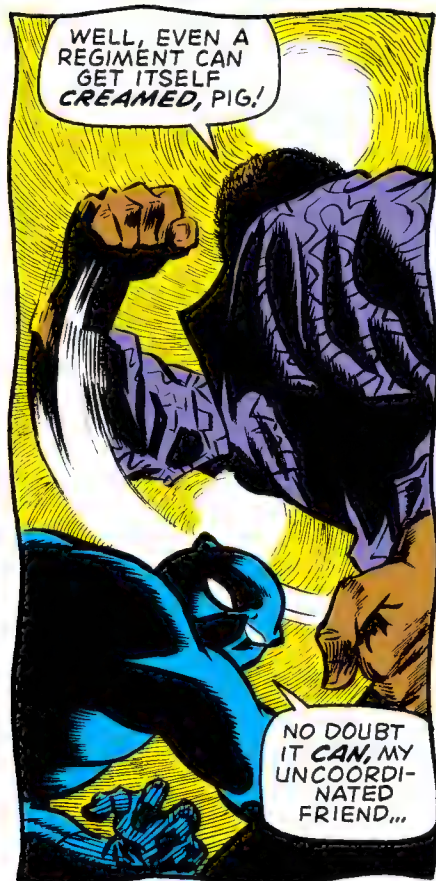
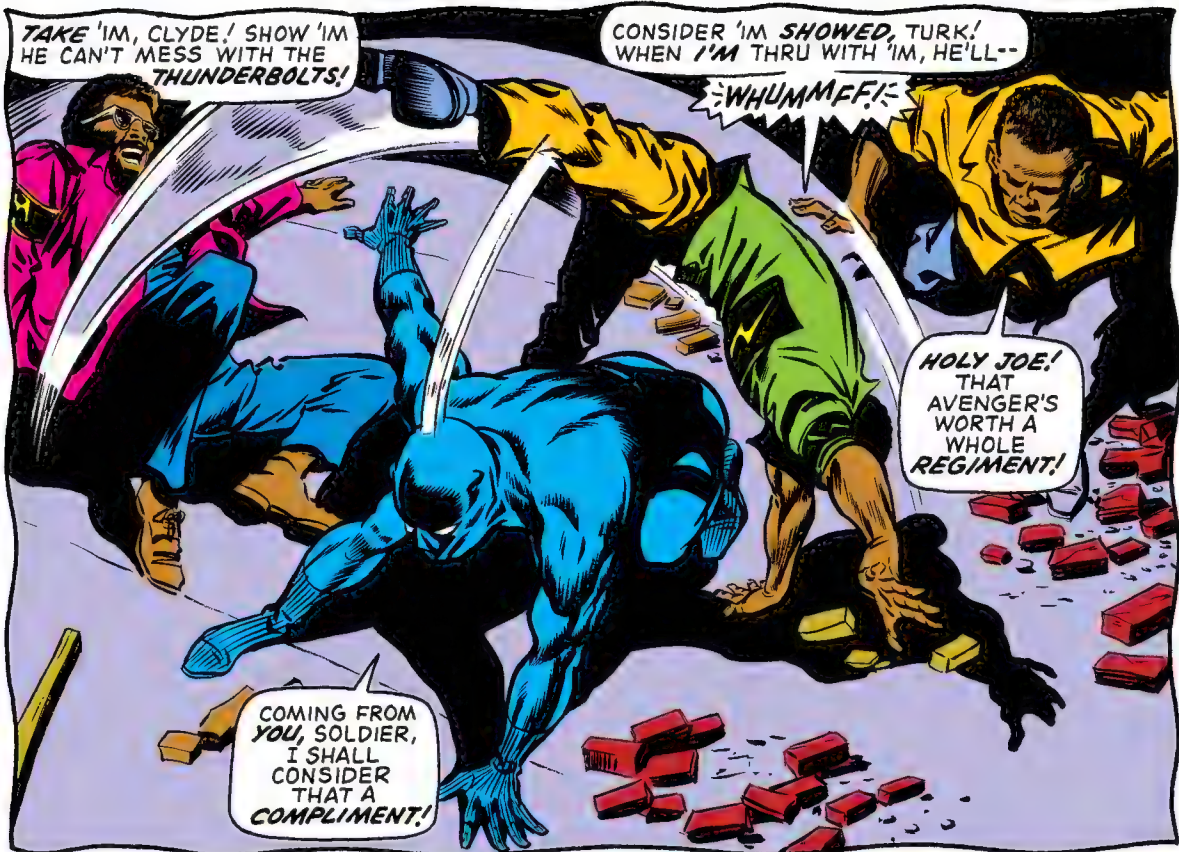
I STAND WITH **BILLY!**

**NOW** YOU'VE HEARD FROM HIM!

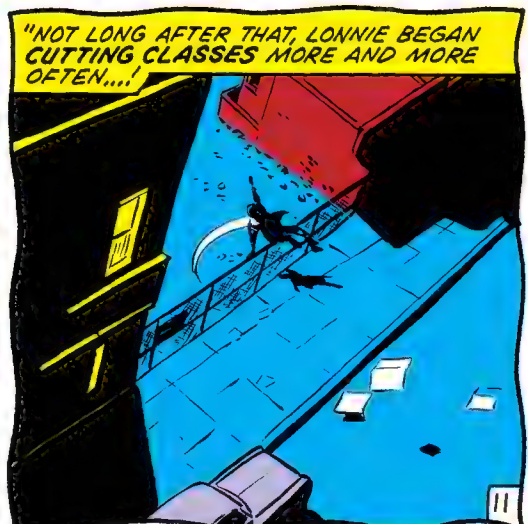
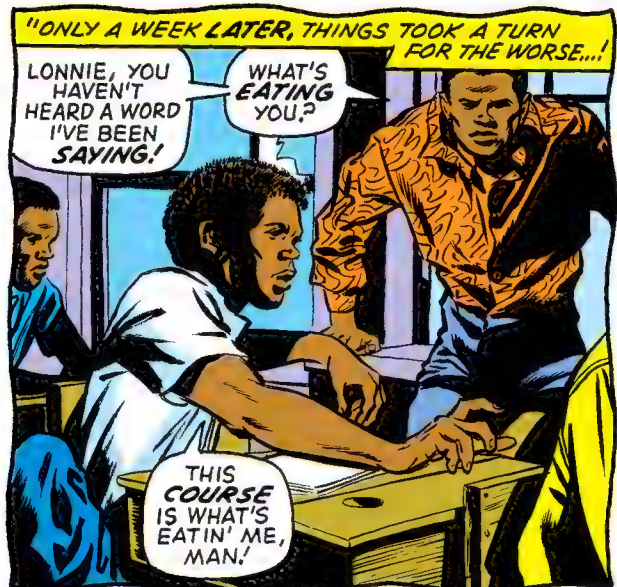
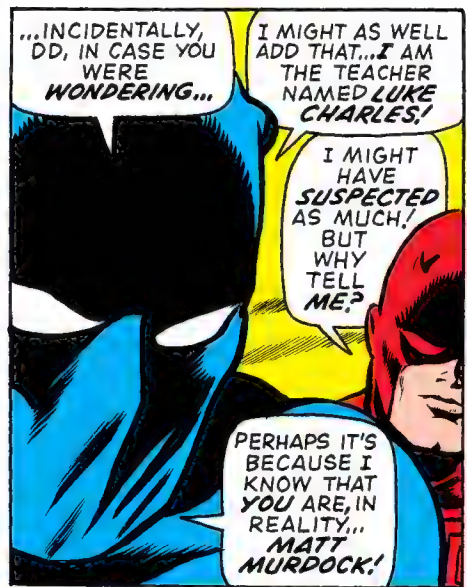














"AND, WHENEVER HE DID, HIS **EMPTY DESK** SEEMED TO GLARE BACK ACCUSINGLY AT LUKE...!"

I'VE **FAILED** LONNIE SOMEHOW... BUT I CAN'T BEGIN TO FIGURE OUT **HOW...** OR WHAT TO **DO** ABOUT IT...

...UNTIL I LEARN **WHERE** HE GOES WHEN HE SKIPS SCHOOL!

*Anne Hetch  
Roger Will*

"AS IT HAPPENED, HOWEVER, IT WAS A FEW **NIGHTS LATER** THAT I LEARNED THE **ANSWER...** A MOST **UNPLEASANT ONE...**!"

LONNIE... ROAMING WITH THE **THUNDERBOLTS!**

BUT **WHY?** I MUST FIND OUT--THE NEXT TIME I SEE HIM! I **MUST!**

**LIVE LOVE**

"BUT, IN THE FEW DAYS SINCE THEN, LONNIE NEVER RETURNED TO SCHOOL... SO I WAS FORCED TO MAKE PERIODIC CHECKS OF HIS **HOME...**!"

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BUT, HIS BROTHER **BILLY** DOESN'T SEEM TO LIVE THERE ANY LONGER...

AND, THOUGH I HAD **OVERHEARD** LONNIE SPEAK ON THE PHONE OF THE PLANNED ROBBERY, AN **AVENGERS** MEETING KEPT ME FROM ARRIVING THERE **SOONER!**\*

THEN I BUTTED IN... AND NOW HE'S HOVERING BETWEEN **LIFE AND DEATH!**

DON'T BLAME **YOURSELF**, MAN! LONNIE WILL **MAKE** IT--HE **HAS TO!**

\*SEE OUR CURRENT ISSUE!--S.

OH, **HERE** YOU TWO ARE! I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL **OVER!**

THE BOY IS **AWAKE** NOW... BUT I DON'T KNOW FOR HOW **LONG...**

THAT SOUNDS **BAD!** COME ON, **PANTHER!**

...A **STRANGE CASE!** THE LAD SEEMS TO HAVE LOST...THE **WILL TO LIVE!**

HE DOESN'T SEEM TO **SEE** OR **HEAR** ME...JUST KEEPS MURMURING A SINGLE **NAME...**

WOULD THAT NAME BE... **"BILLY!"?**

WHY--**YES!** HOW DID YOU--?

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I'M RIGHT  
BEHIND  
YOU, MY  
FRIEND!

THE WAY  
DAREDEVIL  
MOVES IN  
THE DARK--  
EVEN MORE  
SURELY  
THAN I  
CAN--

THE SENSES  
HE MENTIONED  
MUST TRULY  
BE BEYOND  
ALL BELIEF!

UNNHH!  
LOOK OUT,  
YOU CATS!  
THERE'S TWO  
OF 'EM--!



THAT COULD BE TRUE!  
THEN AGAIN, THERE  
MIGHT BE THREE OF  
US--OR EVEN  
FOUR!

BRAKKA-  
BRAKKA



OR MAYBE ONE WOULD  
BE ENOUGH--WHILE  
YOU CREEPS ARE PLAY-  
ING BLIND MAN'S BLUFF!

FACT IS,  
DARKNESS  
IS THE ONLY  
TRUMP-CARD  
WE'VE GOT!

OTHERWISE--THE PANTHER  
AND I ARE HOPELESSLY  
OUTNUMBERED!



HMMM...REIN-  
FORCEMENTS FROM  
AN UNEXPECTED  
QUARTER!

YOU 'BOLTS  
ARE YOUR  
OWN WORST  
ENEMIES!

I GOT  
'IM,  
LEADER-  
MAN! I--

MMFFF!



I DON'T  
KNOW WHO'S  
IN HERE  
WITH US--  
OR HOW YOU  
CAN TELL  
WHAT'S GOIN'  
DOWN WHEN  
WE CAN'T--

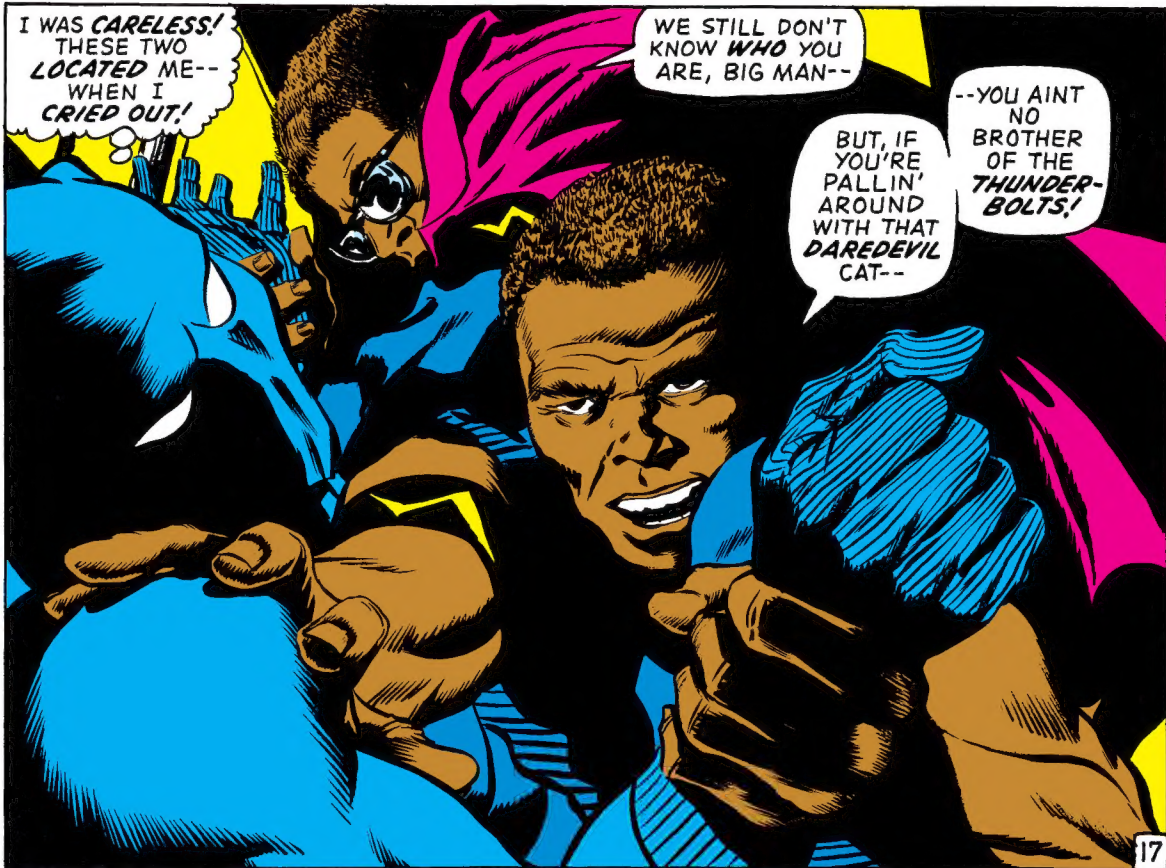
BUT YOU  
GOTTA GO,  
BABY--AND  
I'LL SEE  
TO IT THAT  
THEY CART  
YOU AWAY  
IN A BOX--

--IF I  
GOTTA  
FILL  
EVERY-  
BODY  
IN THE  
ROOM  
WITH  
LEAD!!



KBAM!  
KBAM!









YOU MAY FIND IT HARD TO BELIEVE, GOOD MEN AND TRUE...



...BUT I TAKE THAT AS A DISTINCT COMPLIMENT!



YOU WON'T TAKE NUTHIN', BABY-- NEVER AGAIN!

'CAUSE, WHILE YOU WAS SCUFFLIN' WITH MY MEN THERE--I FOUND THIS!

NOW LET'S JUST SNEAK A PEEK AND SEE WHO--



WELLWELLWELL, IF IT AINT-- THE PANTHER!

THE ORIGINAL ESTABLISHMENT BLACK MAN HIMSELF!

DON'T TRY TO PALM OFF THAT "ESTABLISHMENT" JARGON ON ME, FRIEND!

I'M OLD ENOUGH TO TELL THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A DISSENTER AND A CRIMINAL!

CUT THE SERMON, MAN--!



I KNOW YOU AINT HERE ALL BY YOUR LONESOME!

WHERE'S DARE-DEVIL? SPIT IT OUT, BEFORE I--

STILL COULDN'T RUN--FAST ENOUGH TO TAKE HIM!

BUT MAYBE-- MY BILLY CLUB--!





WAIT A MINUTE! RIGHT NEXT TO ME--

THE SOUND OF A SAFETY CATCH BEING UNLOCKED!

AND--I'M BETTING I KNOW WHO'S ON THE BUSINESS END OF THAT CARBINE!

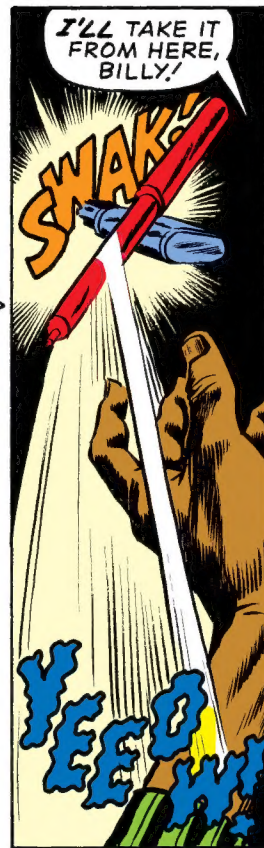


BROTHER BILLY!!

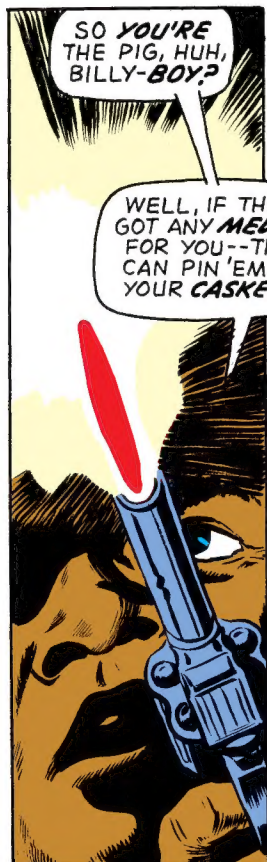


OKAY, LEADER-MAN--REACH FOR IT!

WHA--?



I'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE, BILLY!



SO YOU'RE THE PIG, HUH, BILLY-BOY?

WELL, IF THEY GOT ANY MEDALS FOR YOU--THEY CAN PIN 'EM ON YOUR CASKET!



WHERE DO YOU DIG UP THOSE LINES, FELLA? THE LATE, LATE SHOW?

BILLY--YOU OKAY, GUY?

BELIEVE IT, DD!



JUST A FLESH WOUND --NOTHING A BAND AID WON'T TAKE CARE OF!

HEY! THERE GO THE LIGHTS!

YOU! WE SHOULD'A KNOWN!

BUT YOU DIDN'T, MAN--AND THAT'S WHAT COUNTS!



